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INTRODUCES INDUSTRIAL SHOCK BRIGADES

PATTERNED AFTER USSR BRIGADES -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, No 402, 27 Feb 50

Following the pattern of the so-called complex brigades in the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia has introduced similar units in various parts of the country.

These units are composed of shock workers, master workmen, and engineers, as well as scientists, who follow specific technical or production goals. Generally, the objective pursued is the devising of new working methods or the elimination of bottlenecks in course of production.

The shock brigades were initiated in Gottwaldov (Zlin). The first of these units undertook the finding of methods to accelerate metal drilling and lathe operations, while the second one eliminated a bottleneck in the assembling of locomotives. Shock brigades were also introduced in plants in Brno, Ostrov, Blansko, and Vitkovice. They are considered of great significance for the furthering of socialistic competition.

URANIUM MINES CONTINUE TO USE FORCED LABOR -- Svobodny Zitrek, No 13, 15 Dec 49

The hero of the battle for Kiev, General Prikryl, has been condemned to forced labor in the uranium mines in Jachymov. The number of political prisoners in the labor camp in Rykmanov near Jachymov has risen to 14,000.

A total of 3,500 German and 1,000 Czechoslovak political prisoners are working in the Pribram mines, where deposits of radioactive ores have been discovered.

Minister of Interior Nosek has submitted a proposal for the abolition of workhouses. They are not needed in addition to the concentration camps for slave labor.

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